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SUBJ: SOVIET RATIFICATION OF ABM TREATY

1. PRESIDUM OF SUPREME SOVIET MET SEP 29, CHAIRED BY
PODGORNY, AND ADOPTED DECREE RATIFYING ABM TREATY.

2. DISCUSSION AT SESSION, FEATURING FIRST DEPUTY FOMIN
KUZNETSOV (IN GROMYKO'S ABSENCE) AND POLITBURO MEMBER
SUSLOV (IN THE NAME OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSIONS OF
THE TWO HOUSES), WAS SIMILAR TO THAT IN COMMITTEE SESSION
AUG 23 (MOSCOW 8491). FOLLOWING POINTS WERE OF INTEREST:
A. KUZNETSOV SAID DISCUSSION IN US CONGRESS RECOGNIZED
THAT RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION CAN BE BUILT "ONLY ON BASIS
OF FULL EQUALITY." HE ALSO MILDLY NOTED THAT CONGRESSIONAL
DISCUSSION INCLUDED "FAR-FETCHED CONDITIONS AND INTERPRE-
TATIONS" WHICH ARE "NOT NEEDED"; WHAT IS NEEDED IS STRICT
OBSERVANCE OF LETTER AND SPIRIT OF AGREEMENTS.
B. SUSLOV WARNED THAT THOSE WHO THINK IT POSSIBLE TO
DEAL WITH SOVIET UNION FROM "POSITIONS OF STRENGTH" IN
FURTHER SALT TALKS ARE DELUDING THEMSELVES. HE ALSO QUOTED
FROM REPORT TO THE 24TH CONGRESS TO EFFECT THAT SOVIET
ARMED FORCES MUST BE STRONG.
C. PODGORNY, IN SUMMING UP DISCUSSION, PROMISED THAT

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SOVIET UNION WOULD CONSCIENTIOUSLY AND STRICTLY CARRY OUT TREATY AND INTERIM AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD DO LIKEWISE.

D. KUZNETSOV INDICATED THAT POSITIVE RESULTS OF SALT I GAVE GROUNDS TO HOPE THAT DISCUSSION WILL CONTINUE IN CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT.

E. KUZNETSOV AND DEFMIN GRECHKO UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF PROVISION THAT ABM AND COMPONENTS WOULD NOT BE GIVEN TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS NOR INSTALLED OUTSIDE NATIONAL TERRITORY. (PRAVDA, USING SHORTENED TASS VERSION, OMITTED PART OF KUZNETSOV'S REMARKS IN THIS REGARD WHICH WAS CARRIED BY IZVESTIYA.)

F. GRECHKO NOTED TREATY DOES NOT RESTRICT FURTHER RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION.

G. PODGORNÝ COMMENTED THAT "ONLY BIASED POLITICIAN" WOULD ASSERT THAT AGREEMENT ON DISARMAMENT MADE ATMOSPHERE IN WORLD WORSE RATHER THAN BETTER. (HE GAVE NO CLUE WHETHER HE HAD IN MIND A SOVIET POLITICIAN, BUT THIS REMARK FOLLOWED PASSAGES JUSTIFYING SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY IN STANDARD TERMS AND DEFENDING PIECEMEAL APPROACH TO DISARMAMENT. BOTH PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRIED THIS PASSAGE, BUT TASS SUMMARY USED BY OTHER DAILIES INCLUDING RED STAR OMITTED IT).

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